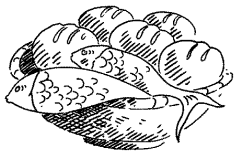


GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



God Provides - As children we were fascinated by the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. Like a circus audience trying to spot the mechanics behind a woman seemingly being sawn in half, we tried to spot the mechanics of Jesus' miracles. As we grow in faith and maturity, we realise that the mechanics of Jesus' miracles are not in question, more important is the lesson they aim to highlight.

The feeding of the five thousand is a lesson in trust and faith. If we hunger for what is right, Jesus tells us that God will be our nourishment. God will provide what we need. This perhaps is hard to believe, especially when we have prayed hard and not had our prayer granted. If God promises to provide, why does he leave many of our prayers unanswered? We are well used to the reply to this question of course. "If our prayers weren't answered," we are told, "then it means God knows a better way for us." Whilst this answer might feel a little frustrating, the truth remains that when we look back at life, we realise what a mercy it was that some of our prayers were not answered. We think we know what is best for us, but we can only make our prayers from our own insular and human agenda and not from God's universal perspective.

God can often provide little miracles in our day-to-day lives that we tend not to appreciate, because they are not necessarily what we have prayed for. Start to notice how God provides in ways we wouldn't expect. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3: 5-6).

Bitesize - Miracles: You do not have to look for them. They are there, 24-7, beaming like radio waves all around you. Put up the antenna, turn up the volume - snap... crackle... this just in, every person you talk to is a chance to change the world...



We thank all our many parish volunteers and groups for their help each week in supporting the running and daily and spiritual life of the parish.



PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Sunday 28th July 2024 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 [Sundays Year B, 17th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 1]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 27th July	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 28th July	09.00 MASS	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	+John Perkins (CP) +Martin Barnard (AS)
Monday 29th July	10.00 Service of the Word & Holy Communion	Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus
Tuesday 30th July	10.00 MASS	Feria
Wednesday 31st July	10.00 MASS	+Flora Booth (JB) St Ignatius of Loyola
Thursday 1st August	10.00 MASS & ADORATION	St Alphonsus Liguori
Friday 2nd August	- No Mass today	Feria
Saturday 3rd August	18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Feria
Sunday 4th August	09.00 MASS	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the people of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.

For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the link on the parish website.

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Leonard, Flora Booth, Ellen Storey, John Perkins, Charles Martin, Winifred Mary Fuller, Anthony Eskdale, Anna Taylor, Joanna Sokalska. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Shirley Liebenhals, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Greta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey, Dorothy Edwards, Pat Grout.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £273.37. Thank you.

Gift Aid - Rex is in the process of finalising the parish Gift Aid claim for tax year 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024 and would be obliged if parishioners who are members of the scheme would let him know if there have been any changes to your personal circumstances regarding the payment of income tax (or change of address). In the absence of any such information it will be assumed that you are still a tax payer and the parish will reclaim tax from HMRC on the offertory donations you have made during this financial year.

If there are any parishioners who pay tax and are not part of the gift aid scheme, please let Rex or Father Jay know. This is a great way for the parish to get additional funds from the tax reclaim benefit, last year the parish reclaimed circa £5000. With this scheme you do not need to commit to a fixed amount as it will be based on your annual contribution. Contact details for Rex Baker are: Telephone 01362 694801 or email rexbaker27@btinternet.com.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham**. The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115**. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid. Gift Aid forms are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Alive in Faith Refurbishment Works in the Church – A reminder that the following works will shortly be commencing in the church:

- 2nd Week of August – Church redecoration
- 27th August – Church Heating installation – **No Mass on this day**
- 1st Week of September – Church flooring

First Communion 2025 - Application forms are available at the back of the Church and on the website for children who are aged 7 starting Year 3 or above in September 2024. There will be a meeting for parents in September; classes will start in October 2024.

Diary for the week 28th July – 3rd August	
Monday: 1900-2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Friday Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.	

Baptism Schedules:

Sunday, 11th August: Isaac and Elijah Read at 1100

Sunday, 1st September: Camila Lopez at 1300

Upcoming Activities:

Saturday, 31st August | Parish Altar Servers' Bowling and Lunch

Saturday, 7th September | Parish Yard Sale from 10.00 a.m.

Sunday, 8th September | Parish BBQ and Lunch after 1100 Mass

Wednesday, 11th September | Deanery Meeting at the Parish

Saturday, 21st September | Ordination of Dcn John Morrill at 1130 at the Cathedral

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride – The annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride will be taking place on **Saturday, 14th September 2024**. For more information on how to take part go to <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/> or see the poster & forms at the back of church. Volunteers will be needed on the day to welcome visitors. There will be a rota for this nearer the time. Please sign up if you are able to help.



New Lectionaries - A new translation of the readings will be mandatory in all Catholic Churches in England and Wales starting this Advent. The costs of the Book of the Gospel and the Lectionary (Ambo Edition) are considerable, this means that we may need to raise funds to cover it. If we could have a second collection on the 8th of September in all Masses, that would be great. Also, with the present Mass books used in the Church, these will be made redundant at some point. Possible alternative to follow.

Liturgical Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham - Our Diocese rejoices as the Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has raised the Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham to a Feast in England and Wales. The Cardinal Prefect, in granting the elevation of the feast, said "May this yearly celebration be a source of renewed grace and evangelical endeavour for the Church in England and Wales, as, imitating Mary, the faithful may ever more become disciples of her Son, receive the message of the Gospel, treasure it in their hearts and reflect on it in their minds (cf. Proper Preface)." – Bishop Peter